

AMENDING THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ACT  
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OF 1934, AS AMENDED

JUNE 7, 1956.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State  
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. McMILLAN, from the Committee on the District of Columbia;  
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 4697]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4697) to amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act of the District of Columbia of 1934, as amended, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill H. R. 4697 do pass.

The purpose of this legislation is to permit chainstores in the District of Columbia to secure more than one license to sell beer in any one of their stores.

Under existing law a chainstore with many retail outlets may apply and receive only 1 class B retailer's license so that the effect of this would be to permit only 1 store to be licensed for the retail sale of beer.

Under this legislation a chainstore would be permitted to apply for and receive a license for each individual store in such group.

The Commissioners of the District of Columbia have in the past favored such legislation and have made no objection to the consideration of the pending bill.

This legislation would naturally result in more revenue for the District of Columbia. At this time it is impossible to make an estimate as to just how much increased revenue would amount to.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 3 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as introduced, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted

is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CODE 25-113

(48 Stat. Ch. 4-P-12 (h))

(b) No licensee holding a retailer's license, class C or class D, shall, by direct ownership, stock ownership, or interlocking directors, hold, directly or indirectly, any license other than retailer's licenses class C, class D, or class E. No licensee holding a retailer's license class A ~~or class B~~ shall, by direct ownership, stock ownership, or interlocking directors, hold, directly or indirectly, more than one license except retailer's license[s] class E. When used in this subsection the word "licensee" shall include any stockholder holding directly or indirectly twenty-five per centum or more of the common stock or any officer of such licensee if such licensee is a corporation.